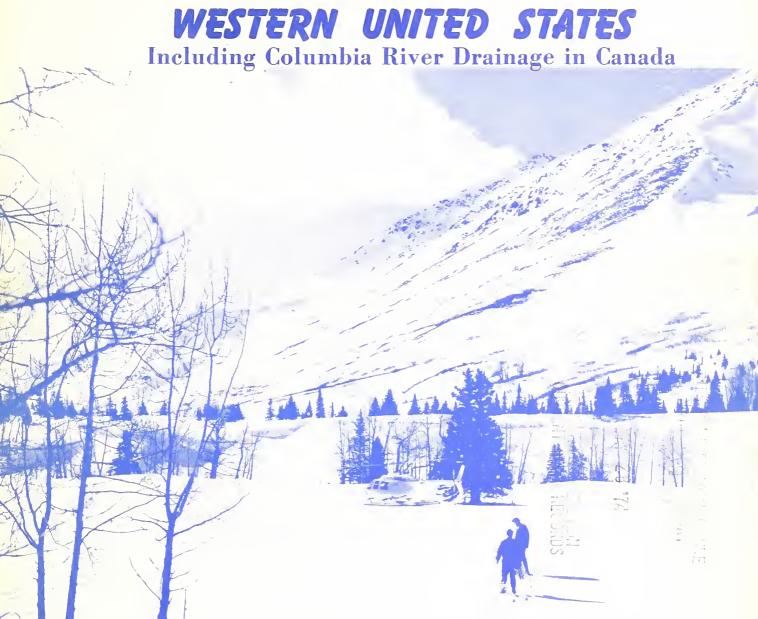
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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK FOR WESTERN UNITED STATES



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TO RECIPIENTS OF WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK REPORTS:

Most of the usable water in western states originates as mountain snowfall. This snowfall accumulates during the winter and spring, several months before the snow melts and appears as streamflow. Since the runoff from precipitation as snow is delayed, estimates of snowmelt runoff can be made well in advance of its occurrence. Streamflow forecasts published in this report are based principally on measurement of the water equivalent of the mountain snowpack.

Forecasts become more accurate as more of the data affecting runoff are measured. All forecasts assume that climatic factors during the remainder of the snow accumulation and melt season will interact with a resultant average effect on runoff. Early season forecasts are therefore subject to a greater change than those made on later dates.

The snow course measurement is obtained by sampling snow depth and water equivalent at surveyed and marked locations in mountain areas. A total of about ten samples are taken at each location. The average of these are reported as snow depth and water equivalent. These measurements are repeated in the same location near the same dates each year.

Snow surveys are made monthly or semi-monthly from January 1 through June 1 in most states. There are about 1900 snow courses in Western United States and in the Columbia Basin in British Columbia. Networks of automatic snow water equivalent and related data sensing devices, along with radio telemetry are expanding and will provide a continuous record of snow water and other parameters at key locations.

Detailed data on snow course and soil moisture measurements are presented in state and local reports. Other data on reservoir storage, summaries of precipitation, current streamflow, and soil moisture conditions at valley elevations are also included. The report for Western United States presents a broad picture of water supply outlook conditions, including selected streamflow forecasts, summary of snow accumulation to date, and storage in larger reservoirs.

Snow survey and soil moisture data for the period of record are published by the Soil Conservation Service by states about every five years. Data for the current year is summarized in a West-wide basic data summary and published about October 1 of each year.

Cover Photo: Snow Surveyors near Ship Creek, Alaska snow course.

PUBLISHED BY SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

The Soil Conservation Service publishes reports following the principal snow survey dates from January 1 through June 1 in cooperation with state water administrators, agricultural experiment stations and others. Copies of the reports for Western United States and all state reports may be obtained from Soil Conservation Service, Western Regional Technical Service Center, Room 209, 511 N. W. Broadway, Portland, Oregon 97209.

Copies of state and local reports may also be obtained from state offices of the Soil Conservation Service in the following states:

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Neva da	P. O. Box 4850, Reno Nevada 89505
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Washington	360 U.S. Court House, Spokane, Washington 99201
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PUBLISHED BY OTHER AGENCIES

Water Supply Outlook reports prepared by other agencies include a report for California by the Water Supply Forecast and Snow Surveys Unit, California Department of Water Resources, P. O. Box 388, Sacramento, California 95802 --- and tor British Columbia by the Department of Lands, Forests and Water Resources, Water Resources, Service, Parliament Building, Victoria, British Columbia

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The Soil Conservation Service coordinates snow surveys conducted by its staff and many cooperators, including the Bureau of Reclamation, Corps of Engineers, Forest Service, National Park Service, NOAA, National Weather Service, Geological Survey, and other Federal Agencies, Departments of State Government, Irrigation Districts, Power Companies, and others.

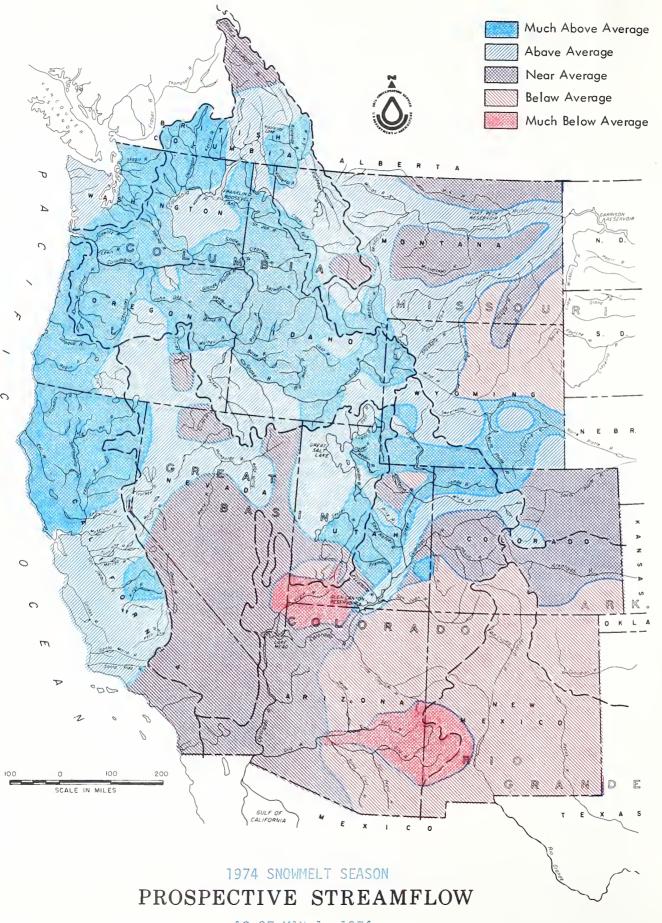
The Department of Water Resources coordinates snow surveys in California.

The Water Resources Service, Department of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources directs snow surveys in British Columbia.

This report was prepared by the Water Supply Forecasting Unit, Engineering Division, Soil Conservation Service, from data supplied by Snow Survey Supervisors of the Soil Conservation Service in the States of Alaska, Arizona, Colorado and New Mexico, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

Data from California was supplied by the Chief, Water Supply Forecast and Snow Survey Unit, Department of Water Resources.

Data from British Columbia was supplied by the Chief, Hydrology Division, Water Investigations Branch, Department of Lands, Forests and Water Resources.



AS OF MAY 1, 1974

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

1974 SNOWMELT SEASON MAY 1, 1974

REASONABLY SATISFACTORY TO EXCELLENT WATER SUPPLIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR MAJOR IRRIGATED AREAS OF THE WEST, ALTHOUGH HEAVY RESERVOIR DRAWDOWN WILL BE REQUIRED IN ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO. SOME LATE SEASON SHORTAGES EXPECTED BY WATER USERS ON DIRECT FLOW DIVERSIONS IN SMALLER AREAS OF UTAH, COLORADO, WYOMING AND MONTANA. RECORD TO NEAR RECORD HIGH SNOWS CREATE POTENTIAL FOR HIGH WATER PROBLEMS ON MANY UNCONTROLLED STREAMS, PARTICULARLY IN THE COLUMBIA BASIN.

Water supplies for irrigation will be generally very good this year. Although snowmelt runoff in Arizona and New Mexico will be insufficient to meet this year's irrigation demands, the shortages will largely be offset by excellent reservoir carryover from last year. Heavy ground water pumping will be required along the Gila River to offset the streamflow deficit.

Smaller areas of Arizona, New Mexico, southern Utah, southern Colorado, northeastern Wyoming and southeastern Montana can expect some late summer water shortages, principally along streams where water users are dependent on direct flow diversions.

In contrast to the above drier areas, many snow courses in the Northwest - principally in Oregon and Idaho and smaller areas of Washington and Montana - have established new record high readings. Snow cover is also very heavy in parts of northern California, Utah, Wyoming and northern Colorado.

The British Columbia Water Resources Service, Department of Lands, Forests and Water Resources reports that snow cover is near 10 percent above average on the upper Columbia, that it increases to 30 to 40 percent above average on the lower Columbia, the West Kootenay and Kettle rivers, and is highest on the East Kootenay, Okanagan and Similkameen rivers at 40 to over 55 percent above average.

In the Missouri Basin, most major water producing areas will generally yield 10 to 30 percent above their usual amounts. However, as much as 30 to 50 percent above average flows are expected from streams such as Montana's Madison River and adjacent streams and the North Platte and its major tributaries along the Wyoming-Colorado border. Flow of most streams draining from the Big Horn Mountains and the Black Hills will be near three-fourths of average.

Near normal runoff is expected from the South

Platte and Arkansas rivers in Colorado. While runoff will generally be near three-fourths of average on a few southern tributaries to the Arkansas, and on the Canadian, Pecos and Rio Grande rivers, reservoir storage is above average.

The California Department of Water Resources reports that water supply conditions are excellent throughout the State. April precipitation has been above average in the higher elevations. As a result, snow water content is well above average in all areas. Reservoir storage is also above average throughout the State and most major reservoirs are expected to fill this year. Current forecasts of April thru July runoff are above average for all watersheds, and indicate an increase for nearly all streams over last month.

Snow cover in the Upper Colorado River Basin increased during April, and for the Basin as a whole is 14 percent above average. Water supplies will be adequate to excellent in all areas except the eastern part of Utah's Uinta Basin and on streams in the Four Corners area. These streams will flow at near three-fourths of their average amount.

Except for minor areas in southwestern Utah, a very good water season is in prospect for all areas of the Great Basin. This includes western Utah, most of Nevada, and smaller areas of Oregon, California, Idaho and Wyoming.

Most streams in Alaska are expected to flow at below normal amounts. The exceptions are the Copper River, Kenai Peninsula and in southeastern Alaska where streamflow should be near normal.

MISSOURI BASIN

Most major watersheds of the Missouri Basin have an above average snowpack, the principal

SUMMARY OF SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT MEASUREMENTS

MAJOR BASIN AND SUB — WATERSHED	WATER EQ IN PERC LAST YEAR		MAJOR BASIN AND SUB — WATERSHED	WATER EQ IN PERC LAST YEAR	UIVALENT CENT OF: AVERAGE
MISSOURI BASIN			SNAKE BASIN		
Jefferson Madison Gallatin Missouri Main Stem Yellowstone Shoshone Wind North Platte South Platte	145 137 125 127 126 138 133 96 97	117 122 117 98 116 136 128 128 125 118	Snake above Jackson, Wyo. Snake above Hiese. Idaho Snake abv.American Falls Res Henry's Fork Southern IdahoTributaries Big and Little Wood Boise Owyhee Payette Malheur	160	145 132 135 128 120 135 145 106 142 200
ARKANSAS BASIN Arkansas Cucharas-Purgatoire RIO GRANDE BASIN	84 1	118 16	Weiser Burnt Powder Salmon Grande Ronde Clearwater	385 625 335 604 260 214	201 185 180 257 155 126
Rio Grande (Colo.) Rio Grande (New Mexico) Pecos	38 	79 	LOWER COLUMBIA BASIN Yakima Umatilla	484 965	217 315
COLORADO BASIN Green (Wyo.) Yampa - White Duchesne Price Upper Colorado	135 121 37 57 97	116 157 65 101 128	John Day Deschutes Hood Willamette Lewis Cowlitz	630 340 500 535 776 370	180 185 210 200 187 166
Gunnison San Juan Dolores Virgin Gila Salt	74 52 48 21 	116 83 115 57 	PACIFIC COASTAL BASIN Puget Sound Olympic Peninsula Umpqua - Rogue Klamath Trinity	314 217 425 435 120	144 119 188 185 165
GREAT BASIN Bear Logan Ogden Weber Provo - Utah Lake Jordan Sevier Walker - Carson Tahoe - Truckee Humboldt Lake Co. (Oregon) Harney Basin (Oregon) Owens (California)	117 130 54 111 71 81 65 101 117 82 135 835 100	124 126 104 133 127 145 115 126 122 117 150 195 155	CALIFORNIA CENTRAL VALLEY Upper Sacramento Feather Yuba American Mokelumne Stanislaus Tuolumne Merced San Joaquin Kings Kaweah Tule	155 135 120 120 120 100 105 85 95 85 65	170 165 155 135 140 135 145 150 150 155 150
UPPER COLUMBIA BASIN Columbia (Canada) Kootenai (USA & Canada) Clark Fork Bitterroot Flathead Spokane Okanogan Methow Chelan Wenatchee	154 187 192 203 195 324 235 303 226 765	122 140 115 133 135 136 176 334 148	Data for California Watershe of Water Resources, and for Watersheds by Dept. of Lands Resources. Average is for the 1958-72 p averages are for the period Selected Snow Cources determ ion within the Basin, Length petitive Monthly Measurement	ds supplied British (, Forests and eriod, Calif 1931-70. Ba ined by Didt of Record a	140 by Dept. Columbia and Water Fornia sed on ribut-

exceptions being in the Big Horn Mountains and the Black Hills. A near record high snowpack lies on the Madison River drainage and on the upper Big Hole River south and west of West Yellowstone. April snow accumulations were highly variable, some areas receiving heavy water increases to the snowpack. One example was on the Gallatin River where the high elevation snowpack increased by as much as 6 to 10 inches of water.

Outlook for Montana streams ranges from about three-fourths of average on the Little Bighorn and Powder rivers which drain from Wyoming's Big Horn Mountains, near average on streams in the center of the state such as the Musselshell and Belt rivers, to near record high volumes on the Madison and Beaverhead rivers. Flow of most Montana streams will be near 20 to 40 percent above their usual amounts.

Except for streams draining from the Big Horn Mountains and the Black Hills, the outlook for all other Wyoming streams is excellent. About 15 to 30 percent above average flows are expected from the Wind, Shoshone, Clarks Fork and Bighorn rivers and their tributary streams.

In the southern Wyoming-northern Colorado area the North Platte and Laramie rivers and most of their tributaries are forecast to produce from 30 to 50 percent greater than average. Stream forecasts are lower for the South Platte in Colorado, but still remain at near average to 20 percent above average.

Reservoir storage is average or above in Wyoming and Colorado. While it is a little below average in Montana, runoff should be more than adequate to refill most of the reservoirs.

ARKANSAS BASIN

Light April storms have resulted in a lowering of stream forecasts for the southern tributaries to the Arkansas River. Fortunately, however, they were average on the watersheds of the Arkansas above Salida so that the runoff forecast at this point remains the same as it was a month ago - near normal.

If late spring and summer precipitation is near normal, the flow of the Arkansas at Salida will be about 4 percent less than average. Runoff from the Cucharas will be a little lower, or about 10 percent less than average. Outlook for the Purgatoire drops off still further to 17 percent below average. Flow of the Canadian River will be below average.

John Martin Reservoir is empty, but Turquoise holds 52,000 acre-feet. In New Mexico, on the Canadian River, storage in Conchas Reservoir is 28 percent above average.

RIO GRANDE BASIN

Dry weather of previous months continued thru April on the headwaters of the Rio Grande River, continuing to reduce the outlook for this summer's water supply. The snowpack on the New Mexico tributaries has mostly disappeared, while in Colorado it is 21 percent below average.

The Rio Grande near Del Norte, Colorado is now expected to flow at three-fourths of its average April-September amount. Inflow to the river system from the Conejos is now expected to be 17 percent below average, while prospects of flow from the Chama River drops off to 20 percent below average.

As a result of last year's high runoff, combined with early season snowmelt this year, reservoir storage is excellent. Storage in Elephant Butte is 189 percent of average, while El Vado holds near four and three-fourths times its average amount for the 1st of May.

COLORADO BASIN

Cool temperatures prevailed over most watersheds of the Upper Colorado Basin during the first two or three weeks of April. Mountain snowfall was generally near or above average. The cool, damp combination has resulted in increased runoff forecasts for nearly all streams. April snowmelt was delayed, leaving more runoff to come during the main snowmelt period. This will be beneficial to water users served by direct stream diversions.

The present snowpack now varies from a low of 65 percent of average on Utah's Duchesne River (eastern tributaries) to a high of 157 percent of average on Colorado's Yampa-White rivers. For the Upper Colorado Basin as a whole, the snow is about 14 percent above average.

Water supplies in the Upper Basin are expected to be adequate to excellent this summer in all areas except the eastern part of Utah's Uinta Basin, on the San Juan River and its tributaries in the Four Corners area, and on the Dolores River. All these streams now have the prospect of producing near three-fourths of their average flows. Some late summer shortages can develop in these areas, particularly if late spring and summer weather is drier than usual.

About 30 to 40 percent above average flows are expected from the Green and Yampa rivers, as well as Utah's San Rafael and Fremont rivers. Forecast for the Colorado River near Cisco, Utah is 105 percent. Flow of the Green River

STRE AM AND STATION	FORECASTS T		Forecast Period	Last Year's
STAT ALL MAD STATION	Flow In (1,000 A.F.)	Percent of Average	Forecast Period	Flow In (1,000 A.F.)
SASKATCHEWAN				
t. Mary near Babb, Montana 1/	525	126	May-Sept.	
os many mean eules, montana <u>en</u>				
UPPER MISSOURI				
eaverhead near Grant, Montana 2/	150	142	May-Sept.	84
ig Hole near Melrose, Montana	790	119	May-Sept.	
efferson at Silver Star, Montana	1,020	122	May-Sept.	
adison near Grayling, Montana <u>3</u> /	565	133	May-Sept.	387
allatin near Gateway, Montana	615	121	May-Sept.	
un at Gibson Dam, Montana <u>4</u> /	620	112	May-Sept.	269
elt near Monarch, Montana	120	104	May-Sept.	
arias near Shelby, Montana 5/	570 5-200	117	May-Sept.	
issouri near Landusky, Montana 6/	5,200	125 125	May-Sept.	
near Williston, North Dakota 7/	12,900 45	101	May-Sept. May-Sept.	
. Fk. Musselshell above Martinsdale, Montana ilk at Eastern Crossing, Montana	230	101	May-Sept.	
ellowstone at Yellowstone Lake Outlet, Wyo.	1,080	123	April-Oct.	623
at Corwin Springs, Montana	2,300	120	May-Sept.	1,422
at Miles City, Montana 8/	7,100	120	May-Sept.	1,766
larks Fork near Belfry, Montana	700	119	May-Sept.	
hoshone below Buffalo Bill Res., Wyo. 9/	1,040	126	April-Sept.	582
ind near Dubois, Wyoming	135	132	April-Sept.	72
at Riverton, Wyoming 10/	860	130	April-Sept.	588
ull Lake Creek near Lenore, Wyoming	211	116	April-Sept.	185
ittle Popo Agie near Lander, Wyoming	59	124	April-Sept.	62
ensleep near Tensleep, Wyoming	71	81	April-Sept.	
edicine Lodge near Hyattville, Wyoming	22	74	April-Sept.	19.6
hell Creek near Shell, Wyoming	73	77	April-Sept.	78
ighorn near St. Xavier <u>8</u> /	2,200	128	May-Sept.	
ongue near Dayton, Wyoming	117	104	April-Sept.	122
lo. Fork Powder near Hazelton, Wyoming	8.4	84	April-Sept.	8.0
PLATTE				
	950	152	Annil-Sont	
orth Platte at Saratoga, Wyoming	186	132	April-Sept. April-Sept.	159
ncampment near Encampment, Wyoming Deer Creek at Glenrock, Wyoming	29	110	March-July	109
aramie Riv. & Pioneer Canal, nr Woods, Wyo.12/	186	146	April-Sept.	179
rig Thompson at Drake, Colorado 13/	112	105	April-Sept.	1/3
Clear at Golden, Colorado 14/	155	122	April-Sept.	
St. Vrain at Lyons, Colorado 15/	75	100	April-Sept.	
ache La Poudre near Fort Collins, Colorado 16/	265	107	April-Sept.	
207			,	
ARKANSAS				
rkansas at Salida, Colorado <u>17</u> /	300	96	April-Sept.	
ucharas near LaVeta, Colorado	9	90	April-Sept.	
urgatoire at Trinidad, Colorado	30	83	April-Sept.	
RIO GRANDE	250	7.5	A	
io Grande near Del Norte, Colorado 18/	350	75 76	April-Sept.	
at Otowi Bridge, New Mexico 19/	400	76 83	March-July	
onejos near Mogote, Colorado 20/	153 152	83	April-Sept. March-July	
1 Vado Res., Inflow, New Mexico	38	93	March-July	
ecos at Pecos, New Mexico	30	33	mar ch-outy	
UPPER COLORADO				
colorado, Grandby Res., Inflow, Colorado 21/	245	107	April-Sept.	
near Dotsero, Colorado 22/	1,475	107	April-Sept.	
near Cameo, Colorado 22/	2,400	101	April-Sept.	
near Cisco, Utah 24/	2,400	105	April-July	
Lake Powell Inflow, Arizona 25/	7,885	115	April-July	
Roaring Fork at Glenwood Springs, Colorado 26/	7,005	102	April-Sept.	
Incompangre at Colona, Colorado	130	97	April-Sept.	

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SELECTED STREAMFLOW FORECASTS

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UPPER COLORADO (continued) Gunnison, Blue Mesa Res. Inflow, Colorado 27/ near Grand Junction, Colorado 28/ Dolores at Dolores, Colorado Green at Warren Bridge, Wyoming at Green River, Wyoming 29/ Flaming Gorge Res. Inflow, Utah 27/ at Green River, Utah 30/ Big Sandy near Big Sandy, Wyoming	730 1,275 180 405 1,350	Percent of Average 92 108 78	April-Sept. April-Sept.	Flow In (1,000 A.F.)
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at Green River, Utah 30/ Big Sandy near Big Sandy, Wyoming		136	April-Sept.	720
Big Sandy near Big Sandy, Wyoming	1,603	136	April-July	
	3,771	133	April-July	56
	70	123	April-Sept.	56
Yampa at Steamboat Springs, Colorado	390	142	April-Sept.	
near Maybell, Colorado	1,250	132	April-Sept.	20.2
Little Snake near Dixon, Wyoming	415	138	April-Sept.	393
White near Meeker, Colorado	350	119	April-Sept.	
Strawberry at Duchesne, Utah 40/	50	109	May-July	
Duchesne near Tabiona, Utah 31/	102	109	May-July	
at Randlett, Utah 40/	220	110	May-July	
Lakefork below Moon Lake, Utah 32/	55	83	May-July	
Uinta near Neola, Utah	61	73	May-July	
Whiterocks near Whiterocks, Utah	40	71	May-July	ı
Price, Scofield Res. Inflow, Utah 33/	37	128	May-July	i
Cottonwood near Orangeville, Utah $\overline{34}$ /	57	133	May-July	ı
San Juan, Navajo Res. Inflow, New Mexico <u>27</u> /	500	84	April-July	
near Bluff, Utah <u>35</u> /	690	81	April-July	1
Animas at Durango, Colorado	340	80	April-Sept.	
LOWER COLORADO				1
Virgin near Virgin, Utah	13	46	May-June	
Little Colorado above Lyman, Arizona	0.5	29	May-June	47
Gila near Solomon, Arizona	3.5	28	May	298
Frisco at Clifton, Arizona	2	32	May	180
Salt at Intake, Arizona	14	32	May	362
Tonto above Roosevelt, Arizona	1	67	May	14
Verde above Horseshoe Dam, Arizona	9	89	May	82
GREAT BASIN				
Bear at Utah-Wyo. State Line	140	132	May-July	
at Harer, Idaho	350	164	May-Sept.	
Smith's Fork near Border, Wyoming	168	145	April-Sept.	86
Thomas Fork near WyoIda. State Line	55	171	April-Sept.	30
Logan near Logan, Utah 36/	117	119	May-July	
Ogden, Pine View Res. Inflow, Utah 27/	100	156	May-June	
Weber near Oakley, Utah	130	143	May-June	
Provo near Hailstone, Utah 37/	108	126	May-July	
Strawberry Res. Inflow, Utah	40	114	May-July	
Utah Lake Net Inflow, Utah	200	140	May-July	
	36	112	May-July	
Big Cottonwood near Salt Lake City, Utah	19	108	May-July	
Beaver near Beaver, Utah				
Sevier near Hatch, Utah	18.7	55	May-July	
near Gunnison, Utah	50	179	May-July	
So. Fork Humboldt near Elko, Nevada	74	130	May-July	
Humboldt at Palisades, Nevada	181	121	May-July	
Truckee at Farad, California 38/	252	127	May-July	
East Carson near Gardnerville, Nevada	168	112	May-July	
West Carson at Woodsfords, California	49	120	May-July	
East Walker near Bridgeport, California 39/	61	103	May-August	
West Walker near Coleville, California	144	112	May-July	
Donner und Blitzen near Frenchglen, Oregon	43	103	May-Sept.	
Silvies near Burns, Oregon	48	138	May-Sept.	10.6
Chewaucan near Paisley, Oregon	73	122	May-Sept.	33
Deep above Adel, Oregon	57	127	May-Sept.	
Bidwell near Ft. Bidwell, California	12.7	141	May-July	
Owens below Long Valley Res., California	78	126	April-July	
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Forecasts in California provided by Department of Water Resources.

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Forecasts assume average Effective Climate Conditions from Date Through Snow Welt Season.

STREAM AND STATION	FORECASTS THIS YEAR Flow In Percent of (1,000 A.F.) Average		E D D		
				(1,000 A.F.)	
UPPER COLUMBIA					
Columbia at Birchbank, British Columbia 40/	49,800	115	May-Sept.	32,819	
at Grand Coulee, Washington 40/	77,300	124	May-Sept.	41,905	
below Rock Island, Washington	84,800	125	May-Sept.	45,114	
ootenai below Libby Dam near Libby, Montana	8,600	123	May-Sept.	4,962	
at Leonia, Idaho	10,500	127	May-Sept.	5,484	
Tackfoot near Bonner, Montana	1,150	127	May-Sept.	376	
o. Fk. Flathead nr Columbia Falls, Montana 40/	2,500	118	May-Sept.	1,314	
lathead at Columbia Falls, Montana 40/	6,950	120			
near Polson, Montana 40/	8,350	122	May-Sept.	3,831	
lark Fork above Missoula, Montana		124	May-Sept.	4,245	
	1,970		May-Sept.	616	
near Plains, Montana 40/	14,100	126	May-Sept.	6,011	
at Whitehorse Rapids, Idaho	15,600	124	May-Sept.		
itterroot near Darby, Montana	760	144	May-Sept.	266	
riest near Priest River, Idaho 41/	830	121	May-July		
end Oreille below Box Canyon, Washington	17,800	130	May-Sept.	6,929	
ettle near Laurier, Washington	2,330	144	May-Sept.	983	
pokane at Post Falls, Idaho 42/	3,250	162	May-Sept.		
imilkameen near Nighthawk, Washington	2,000	140	May-Sept.	673	
kanogan near Tonasket, Washington	2,350	148	May-Sept.	704	
ethow near Pateros, Washington	1,420	150	May-Sept.	466	
tehekin at Stehekin, Washington	1,130	136	May-Sept.	490	
nelan at Chelan, Washington 43/	1,600	140	May-Sept.	702	
enatchee at Peshastin, Washington	2,330	147	May-Sept.	903	
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SNAKE	0.040				
nake above Palisades Res., Wyoming 44/	3,840	147	April-Sept.	1,966	
near Heise, Idaho 45/	5,150	144	May-Sept.		
near Blackfoot, Idaho 46/	5,425	143	May-July		
at Weiser, Idaho	7,000	138	May-Sept.	1	
rey's above Palisade, Wyoming	490	126	April-Sept.	293	
alt above Palisade, Wyoming	460	126	April-Sept.	318	
enry's Fork near Ashton, Idaho 47/	740	130	May-Sept.		
eton near St. Anthony, Idaho	525	132	May-Sept.		
ig Lost near Mackay, Ídaho <u>48</u> /	220	131	May-Sept.		
ittle Lost near Howe, Idaho	40	113	May-Sept.		
ortneuf at Topaz, Idaho	75	115	May-Sept.		
almon Falls Creek nr San Jacinto, Idaho	65	120	May-Sept.		
ittle Wood abv High 5 Crk, Idaho	105	148			
is Wood Inflow to Magic Pos Idaho 40/			May-Sept.		
ig Wood, Inflow to Magic Res., Idaho 49/	390	187	May-Sept.		
runeau near Hot Springs, Idaho	185	113	May-Sept.		
pise near Boise, Idaho <u>50</u> /	1,950	153	May-Sept.		
yhee near Owyhee, Nevada 51/	53	129	May-July		
Owyhee Res. Net Inflow, Oregon 27/	195	124	May-July	118	
Theur near Drewsey, Oregon	46	144	May-July		
yette near Horseshoe Bend, Idaho <u>52</u> /	2,400	156	May-Sept.		
riser above Crane Creek, Idaho 40/	425	155	May-Sept.		
rnt near Hereford, Oregon 40/	24	174	May-July		
wder near Sumpter, Oregon	60	150	May-July		
igle above Skull Creek, Oregon	167	174	May-Sept.		
nnaha at Imnaha, Oregon	327	129	May-Sept.		
llmon at Whitebird, Idaho	9,150	145	May-Sept.		
ostine near Lostine, Oregon	155	132	May-Sept.		
rande Ronde at LaGrande, Oregon	167			35	
		174	May-Sept.	35	
earwater at Spalding, Idaho	9,500	140	May-Sept.		
LOWER COLUMBIA					
akima at CleElum, Washington 53/	1,200	151	May-Sept.	441	
near Parker, Washington 54/	2,160	162	May-Sept.	415	
aches near Naches, Washington 55/	1,130	151	May-Sept.	366	
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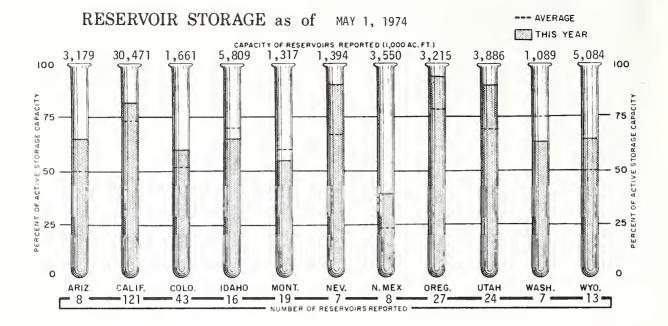
Forecasts in California provided by Department of Water Resources.

Average is for 1958-72 period except California. California is computed for 1921-70 period.

Forecasts assume average Effective Climate Conditions from Date Through Snow Melt Season.

STREAM AND STATION	FORECASTS THIS YEAR Flow In Percent of Forecast Period		Last Year's Flow In	
STREATIAND STATION	(1,000 A.F.)	Percent of Average		(1,000 A.F.)
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CALIFORNIA CENTRAL VALLEY 40/	450 1,060	132 127 172	May-Sept. April-July	219 690
Gacramento, Inflow to Shasta, California Feather near Oroville, California Yuba at Smartville, California American, Inflow to Folsom Res., Calif. Cosumnes at Michigan Bar, California Mokelumne, Inflow to Pardee Res., Calif. Stanislaus, Inflow to Melones Res., Calif. Fuclumne, Inflow to Don Pedro Res., Calif. Molumne, Inflow to Excheque Res., Calif. San Joaquin, Inflow to Millerton Lake, Calif. Kings, Inflow to Pine Flat Res., California Kaweah, Inflow to Terminus Res., California Tule, Inflow to Success Res., California Kern, Inflow to Isabella Res., California	2,600 2,870 1,410 1,640 230 600 875 1,440 710 1,600 1,530 320 65 470	147 154 131 125 159 129 122 121 117 134 132 118 110	April-July	1,538 1,913 1,002 1,260 117 520 738 1,414 730 1,546 1,660 451 111 724
ALASKA Chena at Fairbanks, Alaska Salcha near Salchaket, Alaska Ship Creek near Anchorage, Alaska So. Fk. Campbell Creek near Anchorage, Alaska	410 590 50 11	80 77 89 85	May-July May-July May-July May-July	508 662 39 9

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at Green River, Utah is expected to be 133 percent, while the forecast for the San Juan near Bluff, Utah drops to 81 percent. Combining the above forecasts indicates an April-July inflow to Lake Powell of 7,885,000 acre-feet, or 115 percent of average.

In the lower Colorado Basin the Virgin River now has prospects of yielding only 46 percent of the average flow during the May-June period. In Arizona the snow is gone except for the very high elevations. The melting snows produced very little runoff this year due to the extremely dry soils under the snow and the absence of significant precipitation during April. The major streams produced less than one-third of average runoff during April.

Central Arizona reservoirs contain 29 percent above average storage due to carryover from last year. While reservoir storage is decreasing since water use greatly exceeds inflow, the outlook is good for the projects served by the reservoirs. Outlook is poor for areas depending on direct diversion for streams.

GREAT BASIN

Except for a small area in southwestern Utah where the snowpack is generally near 30 to 40 percent below average, watersheds of the Great Basin are holding snows which will produce normal to much above normal streamflow this coming summer. When combined with reservoir storage which is about a third above average, this provides solid assurance that practically all water users in the Basin will have good to excellent water supplies.

The exception to the above good picture is in southern Utah on the South Fork Sevier River, Coal Creek near Cedar City and adjacent smaller streams. Stream forecasts along the South Fork Sevier range from about a fourth to a half of average, and from two-thirds to three-fourths of average for the other streams.

Near average streamflow is expected from the following watersheds: Utah's Clear Creek, Beaver and East Fork Sevier rivers; California's Owens Valley; Oregon's Donner und Blitzen River and adjacent streams; eastern, central and southern areas of Nevada, as well as the Quinn and Martin rivers near the Oregon border.

Streams where snowmelt runoff is expected to range from about 10 to 30 percent greater than usual include all streams in Oregon's Lake County; Nevada's Humboldt, Truckee, Carson and Walker rivers; Utah's American Fork and Provo rivers, smaller streams draining from the Wasatch Front near Salt Lake City, Strawberry Reservoir Inflow, and most tributaries to the Bear River below Bear Lake.

Highest forecast as a percent of average is for Utah's Lost Creek, a tributary to the Weber River, at 214 percent. Other high forecasts include the Sevier River near Gunnison, Utah (179 percent); Thomas Fork near Wyoming-Idaho State Line (171 percent); Bear River near Harer, Idaho (164 percent); Chalk Creek near Fillmore, Utah (163 percent).

Other watersheds where runoff is expected to range from about 130 to 155 percent of average include the streams of California's Surprise Valley; Oregon's Silvies River; Utah and Wyoming tributaries to the Bear River above Bear Lake; and Utah's Ogden, Weber, Spanish

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STURAGE IN LANGE RESERVOIRS May 1, 1974								
BASIN AND NAME OF RESERVOIR	CAPACITY (1,000 A.F.)	STORAGE (1,000 A.F.)	STORAGE PERCENT AVERAGE	BASIN AND NAME OF RESERVOIR	CAPACITY (1,000 A.F.)	STORAGE (1,000 A.F.)	STORAGE PERCENT AVERAGE	
UPPER MISSOURI Belle Fourche Boysen Buffalo Bill Canyon Ferry Fort Peck Garrison Hebgen Keyhole Lake Francis Case Lake Sharp Oahe Tiber Bighorn Lake PLATTE	185 550 373 2,043 19,410 24,790 377 192 5,816 1,900 23,630 1,347 1,356	160 295 133 1,511 15,930 19,096 200 158 3,788 1,751 19,689 549 759	121 159 111 97 118 130 94 193 91 101 117 90 97	UPPER COLUMBIA Chelan Coeur d'Alene Duncan Flathead Hungry Horse Kootenay Lake Koocanusa Lower Arrow Noxon Rapids Pend Oreille Roosevelt Upper Arrow LOWER COLUMBIA	676 225 1,347 1,791 3,428 787 3,522 3,083 335 1,155 5,232 4,061	189 419 140 1,221 1,522 755 1,196 901 208 699 -1,948 1,155	84 166 119 125 76 171 151 131 226	
So. Platte in Colo.(22 City of Denver (5) Colo-Big Thompson (3) Glendo Pathfinder Seminoe) 528 507 718 784 1,016 1,010	464 443 601 416 959 567	108 107 140 92 233 91	Cougar Detroit Green Peter Hills Creek Lookout Point Prineville Wickiup - Yakima Res. (5)	155 300 270 200 337 153 200 1,066	124 233 214 152 248 156 202 669	114 93 107 96 96 106 107 84	
Conchas John Martin Turquoise RIO GRANDE Elephant Butte El Vado UPPER COLORADO	273 354 120 2,195 195	224 0 52 719 131	128 0 189 468	SNAKE American Falls Anderson Ranch Arrowrock Brownlee Cascade Dworshak Jackson Lucky Peak	1,125 423 287 980 653 2,016 847 278	1,218 297 241 271 249 187 499 94	112 105 104 62 70 99 66	
Blue Mesa Flaming Gorge Navajo Powell Starvation	830 3,749 1,696 25,002 152	295 3,178 981 18,089 110	195 174 216	Owyhee Palisades Warm Springs PACIFIC COASTAL	715 1,200 191	713 426 179	126 55 128	
LOWER COLORADO Havasu Mead Mohave Salt River Res. (4) San Carlos Verde River Res. (2)	619 26,159 1,810 1,755 949 318	601 19,064 1,556 1,363 509 101	102 113 92 116 260 61	Clair Engle Clear Lake Nacimiento Ross Upper Klamath CALIFORNIA CENTRAL VALLEY	2,448 440 350 1,203 584	2,364 387 335 700 532	104 145 166 191 103	
GREAT BASIN Bear Lake Deer Creek Lahontan Rye Patch Sevier Bridge Strawberry Tahoe Utah Lake Willard Bay	1,421 150 291 157 236 274 732 884 193	1,156 130 263 167 229 227 623 932 159	111 125 103 88 200 176 111 140 98	Almanor Berryessa Bullards Bar Folsom Isabella McClure Millerton Oroville Pine Flat Shasta	1,308 1,602 930 1,010 570 1,026 521 3,484 1,013 4,500	1,073 1,618 847 776 290 811 434 3,223 816 4,395	132 103 127 104 153 130 121 108 125 104	

Reservoir Storage Data Provided by Bureau of Reclamation , Corps of Engineers, Geological Survey. and water using organizations. Data from California and British Columbia provided by Department of Water Resources and Department of Lands, Forests and Water Resources, respectively.

Fork, middle and lower Sevier rivers and their tributaries, as well as Utah Lake Inflow.

Reservoir storage is exceptionally high. Nevada's Rye Patch and Wild Horse reservoirs are holding contents greater than the normal capacities by adding flashboards along the spillways. Utah Lake is already above Compromise Point, and the Sevier Bridge Reservoir has already been filled this season. Total reservoir storage is about a third more than average and only 11 percent less than full capacity.

COLUMBIA BASIN

Snowpack losses at low elevations were generally greater than average during April. At middle and high elevations, however, the net effect of snowfall and snowmelt has resulted in greater than average increases. For the Columbia Basin as a whole, as reflected by the forecast for the Columbia River at The Dalles, Oregon, prospective runoff has increased slightly. The present May-September forecast of 116 million acre-feet, at 127 percent of average, represents the third highest runoff since 1916.

In general, the present snowpack is within 15 percent of average in southern Idaho on Montana's Upper Clark Fork River, and on the Upper Columbia River in British Columbia. The snow varies between 20 and 40 percent above average on British Columbia's West Kootenay, Lower Columbia and Kettle rivers; in eastern Washington; in Idaho on Henry's Fork of the Snake River, and from the Clearwater River northward to the Pend Oreille River; in western Montana from the Bitterroot northward to, but not including, the Kootenai River.

All remaining watersheds have more than 40 percent above their average snowpack. On most of these watersheds -- in western Washington, British Columbia's Okanagan-Similkameen rivers, Oregon, south central Idaho, as well as on the Priest River in the Panhandle, and on Montana's Kootenai River drainages - the snow ranges from one and a half to well over twice the average amount

In Oregon thirty-two snow courses recorded all time maximum water contents for May 1, most of the snow being at median and high elevations. The record high readings occurred along the Cascade Crest, in the Blue Mountains above Pendleton, in the Elkhorn Mountains near Baker, and in the Wallowa Mountains.

Fifteen snow courses in northern and south central Idaho established record high readings for May 1.

Because there is a large amount of reservoir space available for flood control by the Corps of Engineers, no major flooding is expected along the main stem of the Columbia River. However, areas above reservoirs and along uncontrolled streams in the heavy runoff areas can expect to experience some problems during the major snowmelt period.

ALASKA

The spring snowmelt started earlier than usual over much of Alaska, the low elevation snow having already disappeared from many watersheds. However, melting of the higher elevation snowpack has not yet started.

Nearly all snow courses show readings which are well below those of last year, and also much below average. The only exceptions -- where near average snowpacks remain -- are on the Copper River, the Kenai Peninsula and in southeastern Alaska.

Snowmelt runoff during the May-July period is forecast to be 80 and 77 percent of average, respectively, for the Chena and Salcha rivers. Near Anchorage the expected yield from Ship Creek and South Fork Campbell Creek is 89 and 85 percent.

CALIFORNIA

The California Department of Water Resources, coordinating agency for snow surveys and water supply forecasting in California, reports that excellent water supply conditions exist throughout the State. May 1 snow surveys show that additional accumulations during the past month boosted snow water content to new highs for the season, assuring above average surface supplies for all areas this year.

Forecasts of April through July runoff for all major streams in the State are above average. Runoff forecasts for all streams have increased over last month due to above normal precipitation at higher elevations, except for the Lahontan area where forecasts decreased slightly. In the San Joaquin Valley, forecasts range from 110 percent of average on the Tule River to 134 percent on the San Joaquin River. Sacramento Valley streams are forecasted to produce from 125 percent of average on the American River to 170 percent on the Sacramento River for the period. Statewide, forecasts range from a low of 106 percent of average for the Mono Lake Basin streams to a high of 172

percent for the Trinity River.

Snowpack water content increased in all watersheds and is well above average throughout the State. The series of April storms delayed the onset of sustained spring melt, especially at the higher elevations. Density profiles of the snowpack obtained at the U.S. Forest Service's Central Sierra Snow Laboratory show that the pack is now ripe in both open and forested areas and that sustained snowmelt runoff has commenced.

Precipitation during April was mostly below average on the Central Valley floor and in Southern California. However, most mountain watersheds and Central Coastal areas received from 130 to 150 percent of average precipitation for the month, with several local areas experiencing over 200 percent. Cooler than normal April temperatures resulted in retaining most of the precipitation as snow above 6,000 feet.

Runoff during April was above average in all areas except on the South Coast, and in portions of the Lahontan area. In the Central Valley, runoff ranged from about average on the Tuolumne River to 195 percent on the Pit River. All streams except those in the South Coastal area have produced well above average runoff for the October 1 to May 1 portion of the water year. Most North Coastal and Northern Sacramento Valley streams continue to exceed all previous runoff records.

Reservoir storage is above average throughout California. In the Sacramento Valley the nearly 15 million acre-feet in storage amounts to 110 percent of average and fills 90 percent of available capacity. In the San Joaquin Valley over 5 million acre-feet is now in storage which represents 115 percent of average and 65 percent of available capacity. Many of the multiple use reservoirs will fill this spring as flood reservations are removed and abundant snowmelt inflows occur.





EXPLANATION of STREAMFLOW FORECASTS

All flows are observed flows except as adjusted for: 1/Storage change in Lake Sherburne. 2/Storage change in Lima and Clark Canyon reservoirs. 3/Storage change in Hebgen Lake. 1/Storage change in Gibson Reservoir and measured diversions. 5/Storage change in Two Medicine, Four Horns, Lake Francis and Swift reservoirs. 6/Storage change in Canyon Ferry and Tiber reservoirs. 7/Changes as indicated in (6/), (8/7), plus storage change in Fort Peck. 8/Storage change in Boysen, Buffalo Bill and Yellowtail reservoirs. 9/Storage change in Buffalo Bill Reservoir plus Heart Mountain diversion. 10/Storage change in Pilot Butte and Bull Lake reservoirs plus Wyoming canal diversion.

11/ Changes indicated in (10/) plus storage change in Boysen Reservoir. 12/ Plus diversions to Cache LaPoudre. 13/ Plus by-pass to power plants. 14/ Minus diversion thru Gumlick Tunnel. 15/ Storage change in Price Reservoir. 16/ Minus diversions from North Platte, Laramie and Colorado rivers plus measured diversions above station. 17/ Storage change in Clear Creek, Twin Lakes and Turquoise reservoirs minus diversions from Colorado River. 18/ Storage change in Rio Grande, Santa Maria and Continental reservoirs. 19/ Storage change in El Vado and Abiquiu reservoirs. 20/ Storage change in Platoro Reservoir.

21/ Storage change in Grandby Reservoir as furnished by U.S.B.R. plus diversions by Adams Tunnel and Grand River Ditch. 22/ Changes as indicated in (21/) plus diversions thru Roberts, Gumlick and Moffat tunnels and storage change in Dillon, Homestake, Williams Fork, Green Mountain and Willow Creek reservoirs. 23/ Changes indicated in (22/) and (26/).

21/ Storage change in Blue Mesa Reservoir. 25/ Changes indicated in (21/), (30/) and (35/) and storage change in Lake Powell. 26/ Diversions to Arkansas River plus storage change in Ruedi Reservoir. 27/ (Inflow record as computed by U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.) 28/ Storage change in Taylor, Blue Mesa and Morrow Point reservoirs. 29/ Storage change in Fontenelle Reservoir. 30/ Storage change in Flaming Gorge Reservoir.

31/ Plus diversion through Duchesne Tunnel. 32/ Storage change in Moon Lake Reservoir.
33/ Storage change in Scofield Reservoir. 34/ Storage change in Joe's Valley Reservoir.
35/ Storage change in Navajo Reservoir. 36/ Plus U. P. & L. Co. tailrace and Logan, Hyde Park and Smithfield canals. 37/ Minus diversions thru Duchesne Tunnel and Weber-Provo Canal.
38/ Storage change in Lake Tahoe and Boca reservoirs (Forecast by Truckee Basin Committee.)
39/ Storage change in Bridgeport Reservoir. 40/ Corrected for major upstream impairments -represents simulated natural flow conditions.

41/ Storage change in Priest Lake. 42/ Storage change in Coeur d'Alene Lake and diversions by Spokane Valley Farms Co. and Rathrum Prairie canals. 43/ Storage change in Lake Chelan. 44/ Storage change in Jackson Lake. 45/ Storage change in Jackson Lake and Palisade reservoirs. 46/ Storage change in Jackson Lake, Palisades, Island Park, Henry's Lake, Grassy Lake plus diversions between Heise and Blackfoot. 47/ Storage change in Henry's Lake and Island Park reservoirs. 48/ Storage change in MacKay Reservoir and diversion in Sharp Ditch. 49/ Combined flow Big Wood near Bellevue and Camas Creek near Blaine. 50/ Storage change in Arrowrock, Anderson Ranch and Lucky Peak reservoirs.

51/ Storage change in Wild Horse Reservoir. 52/ Storage change in Cascade and Deadwood reservoirs. 53/ Storage change in Keechelus, Kachess and CleElum reservoirs plus diversion by Kittitas Canal. 51/ Changes indicated in (52/) plus storage change in Bumping and Rimrock Lakes plus diversion by Roza, Union Gap, New Reservation, Old Reservation and Sunrise canals. 55/ Storage change in Bumping and Rimrock lakes and diversions by Tieton, Selah Valley, Wapatox canals and City of Yakima. 56/ Storage change in Merwin, Yale and Swift reservoirs. 57/ Storage change in Mayfield Reservoir.

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